Name of the Com. Company	Date from which exploration initiated/ effective PEL date	Exploratory efforts			No of Oil/gas discovery
		2D API LKM	3D API sq. Km.	Wells	
Essar Oil Ltd.	16.7.1998	962	35	4	1
Niko Resources Ltd.	23.9.1994	113	641	19	2
Premier Oil	30.6.1998	351	0	1	0
Canoro Resoruces Ltd.	19.2.1999	157	0	1	0
Gazprom	30.10.2000	2108	530	0	0
Enpro Finance	7.4.2004	2227	278	—	0
HOEC	12.4.2000	201	171	3	—
Jubilant Enpro	4.2.2003	0	50	0	—

(d) ONGC is implementing its X-Plan exploration programme in its acreages and as such there is no decline in activities.

(e) Does not arise in view of the above.

Provision of PNG

2244. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided PNG connections for domestic use in Sector 12, R.K. Puram, New Delhi;

(b) whether the meters for the connection have been installed inside the house in multi-storeyed houses and outside the single-storeyed houses;

(c) if so, whether it was according to the plan and if not, the reasons for following different parameters in installing meters;

(d) whether Government would install the same inside the house keeping security and safety in mind, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when all the houses in single storeyed houses which are damaged due to this connection will be repaired?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) As on date, out of the 924 houses allotted by CPWD for PNG connection in Sector-12 in R.K. Puram, New Delhi, IGL have provided PNG connections to about 300 houses. For the remaining houses, work is in progress and would be completed by the end of January 2006.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) IGL generally installs meters inside the multistoried flats. This is because of the reasons that the G.I. pipes carrying gas is taken through shaft of the multistoried building and is branched off to the individual flats. This is the preferred option from aesthetic point of view also. This also takes care of the space constraints in case the G.I. pipe is taken from staircase side. In addition, if the meters are installed at the ground floor of the multistoried building for all the flats then individual G.I. pipes carrying gas is required to be taken for every flat.

Not only this will lead to additional cost to be borne by the individual flat owner but staircase area which will not be good from aesthetic point of view.

In the case of the single storied house, IGL can fix the meter either inside the house or outside the house. However, IGL has been following the practice of installing it outside the hosue.

(d) Security and safety of the residents are kept in view with regard to location of the meter. In cases where meters are installed inside, the person who goes for meter reading carried an Identity Card authorized by IGL. In addition, for PNG supply, every resident is aware of the telephone number of the PNG Control Room which they can always call for any clarification.

(e) IGL contractors do not damage the houses for providing the PNG connections. It is necessary to drill holes to take the G.I. pipes inside and also fix clamps for holding pipe on the wall for taking PNG supply

near the kitchen owner. However, everthing is repaired and restored to the satisfaction of the house owner as soon as PNG connection is completed.

Price of natural gas

2245. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of mechanism in fixing the sale price of natural gas;

(b) the prices of natural gas during the last two years, month-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is no market regulator in place to determine gas prices;

(d) whether any request from the States received to set up market regulator so as to fix price for natural gas instead of depending on the market forces;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) The price of gas produced by ONGC and OIL from their existing nominated gas fields is administered by the Government. Gas produced by Joint Venture (JV) fields and from NELP blocks is determined in terms of the Production Sharing Contracts (PSC) signed between the Government and the field operators.

(b) The price of APM gas during 2003-04 and 2004-05, and up to 30 June, 2005 during the current year, was Rs. 2850/MCM, except for the north-east region for which it was Rs. 1700/MCM. Effective 1.7.2005, the gas price has been increased to Rs. 3200/MCM for region other than the north-east region, and to Rs. 1920/MCM for the north-east region.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) to (f) Government are proposing to set up a Petroleum & Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) under a Statute to regulate the refining, processing, storage, transportaion, distribution, marketing and sale of petroleum, petroleum products and natural gas excluding production of